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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, line 6 - page 11, line 7 as follows:

As shown in Fig. 2, the rigidity supplementing portion 4 according to this embodiment adopts a swelling bead (e.g., a cylindrically-shaped portion). The swelling bead is formed to swell outwardly from a portion in the vicinity of the front end portion of each of the left and right side walls 1A, 1B of the pedal bracket 1 through pressing. Semi-circular hole portions (brittle portions) 5, 5 are formed contiguously with rear ends of the swelling beads (rigidity supplementing portions) 4, 4 as the brittle portion. The hole portion 5 as the brittle portion is formed ahead of the pedal lever pivot 2 as viewed longitudinally. According to the above structure, the swelling beads 4 as the rigidity supplementing portion are provided contiguously with the hole portions 5 as the brittle portion formed to promote the absorption of impact through deformation between the mounting portion to the toe board and the hole portion 5. According to the above construction, while the pedal bracket is made to deform longitudinally easily by the formation of the brittle portion, only with the simple structural modification of the swelling beads 4, the pedal bracket provides such a superior rigid feeling. In addition, the driver feels no uncertainty in operating the pedal, when the pedal is operated during the normal pedal operation, because the rigidity is supplemented in an ensured fashion against a force applied in the closing direction of the pedal.